

A New Species of *Obrium* from Tennessee. (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

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Obrium howdeni n. sp.

♀. Form and size of *Obrium maculatum* (Oliv.), black throughout, more shining above than below.

Head convex, confluent punctate on front between eyes, with a short median carina in this area, pubescence long, sparse.

Pronotum longer than wide, much wider in front than at base, widest in front of middle; anterior margin arcuate, basal margin truncate; sides constricted back of front margin, then broadly rounded forming an obtuse tubercle, back of which they are strongly convergent to a constriction at base; disk somewhat flattened with median raised area in front of basal constriction and one on each side about middle, a broad transverse depression back of apex and a deeper one in front of base; surface with scattered minute punctures, pubescence long, sparse.

Elytra at base wider than widest part of pronotum; sides subparallel near base, widened back of middle, apices separately rounded; disk somewhat flattened; surface with scattered small punctures, pubescence long, sparse.

Abdomen beneath with first segment shining, minutely punctured, second segment deeply emarginate, emargination bordered with long pubescence, following segments with long pubescence. Tibiae strongly clavate.

Length 6.6 mm.; width 1.6 mm.

Described from one female specimen collected at Reelfoot Biological Station, Obion Co., TENNESSEE, June 20-27, 1948 by Pfitzer and Scott and given to me by Henry F. Howden. Holotype in collection of author.

This species is closely related to *O. maculatum*, however it differs by being black throughout, pronotum more constricted at base and more sparsely pubescent elytra.